



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

Docket No: Q78483

Kazumi NAITO, et al.

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Examiner: Ngoclan Thi Mai

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For: NIOBIUM POWDER FOR CAPACITOR, SINTERED BODY THEREOF AND
CAPACITOR USING THE SINTERED BODY

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes

prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

CN 1240377 was cited in a Chinese Office Action for counterpart Chinese Application No. 018043216 dated December 30, 2005, copy attached.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

WO 98/19811 corresponds to CN 1240377.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

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